



Pvt. Timothy D. Burke, Platoon 2149, Company G, stands next to a portrait of the late congressional Medal of Honor recipient Pfc. Robert C. Burke at Burke Hall here, during family day, Sept. 18. Pfc. Robert Burke is the Marine the hall was named after. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry as a machine gunner during a battle May 17, 1968, in Southern Quang Nam Province, Vietnam. He aggressively suppressed the enemy from a series of advanced positions and allowed his fellow Marines to advance against the enemy forces from exposed positions until he was mortally wounded by enemy fire.

Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron



Performers from the group "A Salute to Our Heroes" portray the Andrews Sisters during their performance at the 7th Annual Fleet Week San Diego Star Spangled Salute Sept. 20. The black tie event featured a night of musical entertainment and offered the community an opportunity to honor our military, and enjoy a performance of patriotic music at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego. Cpl. Shawn M. Dickens/Chevron

Marines get three more months for initial combat fitness test

BY GUNNERY SGT. BILL LISBON
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The Marine Corps recently extended the time Marines have to complete an initial combat fitness test by three months as well as clarified that there will be no adverse consequences for those who fail it.

Although Marines now have until March 31, 2009, to complete an initial CFT, official testing for active duty and reserve Marines is scheduled to begin July 1, 2009, three months earlier than previously announced.

Results from the initial test will determine the CFT's scoring system for official tests in the future, according to a Corps wide message released Sept. 17.

"The sooner Marines participate in the initial CFT, the better able they will be to meet or exceed standards once official scoring begins," stated Marine Administrative Message 521/08.

The message also clarified that individual results on the initial pass/fail test will not be held against Marines. The new Marine Corps order outlining the CFT, released Aug. 1, did not specify

whether adverse effects for failing a CFT applied to the initial tests.

The Marine Corps recently rewrote its orders on body composition, military appearance and physical fitness. This included adding a second semiannual test to measure physical fitness reflective of combat demands.

Now physical fitness and appearance regulations are defined in two separate Marine Corps orders, MCO 6110.3 titled "Marine Corps Body Composition and Military Appearance Program" and MCO 6100.13 titled "Marine Corps Physical Fitness Program."

"Recognizing that Marines are 'warrior athletes,' our fitness program was modified to reflect the same collaboration of effort found at the collegiate and professional sports level," said commandant, Gen. James T. Conway.

Combat experience in Iraq and Afghanistan revealed the need to develop a physical training program to prepare for and test combat fitness, said Conway in a November 2007 letter to commanders.

The combat fitness test is characterized by anaerobic, or

"short burst," energy demands. The three-part test was "developed around operational vignettes that may represent a Marine's combat experience," said Conway in All Marine Message 032/08.

The test consists of three events, dubbed with the combat-related names "movement to contact," "ammunition lift" and "maneuver under fire."

An instructional video on the combat fitness test, layout diagrams and the new order on the physical fitness program can be found at <https://www.tecom.usmc.mil>.

On Sept. 8, the Corps directed units to immediately evaluate any Marines currently assigned to the Body Composition Program, and reset any still out of standards back to Day One, according to implementation guidance in Marine Administrative Message 501/08.

Marines currently on their first BCP assignment who are back within the Corps' height and weight standards must still remain in the program until the mandatory six-month term is over.

Those on second or subsequent assignment who now meet

standards may be removed from the program immediately.

Marines currently being processed for administrative separation due to BCP failure won't catch any breaks, even if they now fall within standards. Commands will continue separation procedures for those individuals.

Administrative and disciplinary measures related to previous assignments to the BCP, such as adverse fitness reports, remain valid.

Previously, Marines were permitted a higher body fat percentage as long as they earned a first-class score on their PFT.

"Tendencies toward increased weight have become a dangerous trend over the last decade in out American society," said Conway. "But Marines are different."

In one order, Conway warned that failure to meet and enforce standards could not only jeopardize operational readiness, but "erode American confidence" in the Corps.

"Selective compliance with the Marine Corps orders on weight control is over," the commandant said.

Marines who failed to meet

body composition standards where placed on a corrective program for at least six months. With the new order, the Corps will allow a grace period of up to 120 days after weighing in before formal action is taken.

The first 60 days are known as the notification period. During this time, the unit's senior enlisted advisor for enlisted personnel or executive officer for officers will issue an informal letter of concern and a 60-day action plan.

The actions during this stage are determined by the individual unit.

If a Marine does not meet standards after the notification period, the 60-day cautionary period begins immediately. The unit will again be in charge of setting up a plan to assist the Marine in getting to regulation.

A letter of caution will inform the unsatisfactory Marine that if they do not comply with set standards they will be placed on a formal program following the 60-day cautionary period.

After 120 days, Marines who still do not meet the height/weight or body fat standards will immediately be assigned to the formal BCP by the unit's commanding officer.



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Erika K. McBride, right, human resources specialist, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, provides pamphlets to Information Fair guests about Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Sept. 17 at the depot fieldhouse. Marine and Family Services hosted a booth at the fair to raise awareness about the holiday and to raise money for Marine Corps Community Services' youth programs. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/
Chevron

Career fair shines light on future opportunities

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL MATTHEW BROWN
Chevron Staff

Marine Corps Community Services hosted a Career and Education Fair at the depot fieldhouse Sept. 17. The career fair provided military members and depot employees an

opportunity to learn about what employment and education options are available to them while on active duty. Additionally, information on opportunities for Marines leaving the active duty ranks to pursue career options in the civilian sector was also provided. Cpl. Graham M. Caylor, an administra-

tive clerk at Headquarter and Service Battalion training section, spoke to San Diego Police Officer Darryl Willis about possible opportunities in law enforcement after he finishes his enlistment. According to Willis, the SDPD has a high ratio of police officers who are former active duty Marines. "I believe Marines become police officers partly because of the job stability and benefits they are so used to," Willis said. "Some businesses lay off their employees or go out of business in hard times, but we aren't going anywhere." Another career opportunity service members explored was the Troops 2 Roughnecks program. "It works well for Marines because it only requires eight weeks of courses at Camp Pendleton," said Jason L. Geurts, a transition advisor for Troops 2 Roughnecks. "The training that Marines go through also makes their job retention higher than usual because they are already used to working long hours, leading and working smart." Service members can find out more information about employment or educational opportunities at MCCS, Building 14.



Cpl. Graham M. Caylor questions San Diego Police Officer Darryl Willis about opportunities in the San Diego Police Department at the Career and Education Fair held by Marine Corps Community Services Sept. 17 at the depot fieldhouse. Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron

May your finest hour be yet to come

BY CHAPLAIN RONALD R. RINGO
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It has been reported that during some of the most difficult days of World War II, Winston Churchill said the following words to inspire his people: "Let us... brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire... last for a thousand years, men will still say; "This was their finest hour." What will you do in your finest hour? With the continuing war and constant threat of war, terrorism, daily struggles, work, family responsibilities and an endless list of "to do's..." we all may face a time we call our finest hour. How will we respond? Every year, every month, every day, hour and minute are times of new beginnings. Maybe that is the reason that God closes the day with the curtain of night to put an end to the day that is done. It has been said, "All of your yesterdays ended last night. It makes no difference how long you've been alive, they're all ended. This day is absolutely new. You've never lived it before." What an opportunity! However, an old Chinese proverb says, "People in the West are always getting ready to live." Does this possibly sound familiar or ring true in your life? Are we waiting to live until we have the lives we are planning for or want them to be? Thomas la Mance said, "Life is what happens to us while making other plans." Even though our present day may be difficult, we will be better served if we try to enjoy the here and now. Our finest hour

may come as we do this and strive to help others do the same. When life seems hard, work boring and our relationships ever challenging, it might be time to try a different angle of approach. It is said that how we look at things in our world, and the people in it, is a reflection of ourselves. A poem I've read gives this great meaning. "I knelt to pray when day was done And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone; Lift from each saddened heart the pain, And let the sick be well again." And then I woke another day And carelessly went on my way; The whole day long, I did not try To wipe a tear from any eye. I did not try to share the load Of any brother on the road; I did not even go to see The sick man, just next door to me. Yet, once again, when day was done, I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone." But as I prayed, into my ear There came a voice that whispered clear: "Pause now, my child, before you pray; Whom have you tried to bless today? God's sweetest blessings always go By hands that serve Him here below." And then I hid my face and cried, "Forgive me, God, I have not tried. Let me but live another day, And I will live the way I pray." Author Unknown

BRIEFS

MCRD varsity football

The MCRD men's varsity football team is looking for active duty Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen aboard or attached to MCRD who are committed to playing competitive football. Scheduled games at Camp Pendleton: Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. Titans vs Marshals Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Titans vs Cannon Cockers Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Titans vs Mad Dawgs Playoffs TBD For information, contact Capt. Richard Fay at (619) 524-1768 or at richard.j.fay@usmc.mil.

MMOA monitor team

A Manpower Management Officer Assignments monitor team visits the depot Oct. 20. The team will present a briefing for officers from 8 to 10 a.m., in building 7W. Officers assigned to the depot are required to attend and those assigned to ETWCGPAC, Coronado, are encouraged to attend. The briefing will cover command screening, PME opportunities and career development. Officers who want a personal interview with counselors and/or monitors should submit their names to their respective unit adjutants. Interviews are restricted to FY09 movers, followed by FY10, FY11 and FY12. Call (619)524-8733 for information and to schedule an interview appointment.

Gate and parking lot closures for Boot Camp Challenge

Gate #2 will be open tomorrow from 6 to 7 a.m., only for vendor traffic for the Boot Camp Challenge, and will remain closed until 4 p.m. The small parking lot adjacent to the Recreation Center will be closed from 1 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday for vendor parking. The Boot Camp Challenge is one of the depot's largest annual events, and brings thousands of guests aboard the installation. The Provost Marshals Office requests Hochmuth Ave. be kept clear of all government and personal vehicles for the day to allow maximum parking for the event.

19th Annual Military Women's Luncheon

The annual Military Women's Luncheon will be held at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Officer's Club Nov. 1. Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region, is the guest speaker. The event begins with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon and the program at 1 p.m. Reservations are required and must be made by Oct. 20. Tickets are \$25 per person. Make checks payable to: Military Women's Luncheon, and mail to Toni Lopez, 4950 Treasure Dr., La Mesa, Ca. 9141. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Call (619) 462-6081 for information.

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Organizations help families attend their Marine's graduation

BY SGT. JOHN SILWANUS
RS St. Louis

When Molly Walker’s son, Timothy, first told her he was enlisting in the Marine Corps, she was nervous about him heading to Iraq. When she could not afford to see him graduate from recruit training, she was crushed.

Walker is not alone as soaring airline ticket prices from the Midwest to San Diego gain altitude faster than ever. However thousands of families of graduating Marines have found the help they needed from those who understand how important graduation day is.

“I was very sad,” said Walker. “It really felt unfair that I wouldn’t be there to show him just how proud I am of him when he graduated. It was just so far to travel.”

While Walker initially felt alone, this situation happens quite frequently. The good news is there are many avenues – from community members to established organizations for families to ask for assistance in seeing their new Marine graduate.

Recruiters are a great starting point for parents seeking help. They have information about many different organizations willing to lend a hand.

For parents of future Marines in the Midwest, there are two helpful organizations created by John Weant, a former Marine, and Max Beerup, a former Navy corpsman, whose son was a Marine. The organizations are www.usmcgrad.org and www.usmcgradsandiego.org. They have had great success in helping families for more than a decade.

“I went to see my son, Jaime, graduate from San Diego, and seeing the ceremony and everything leading up to that week, I thought it was amazing,” said Beerup, a Jacksonville, Ill., native. “After that, I got a call from my son’s recruiter telling me he had a parent who didn’t think they could pay for the trip. I started calling around and he was able to go. It started just that simply.”

Beerup has helped families for nearly 14 years; his Web site has enabled him to help more than 100,000 families.

The two men started individually working to help families travel to San Diego; however they both began working with Gretchen Miller, who worked on getting families to MCRD Parris Island, S.C., to see the new Marines on the East Coast graduate. The three teamed under the Marine Graduation Foundation and have been working to help the families of recruits on both recruit depots see their children graduate as Marines.

The foundations’ Web sites have a registration for family members and ask they wait until the eighth week of training before requesting funds. While a family member visits the Web site, fills out the form and is waiting to be found eligible for assistance, the foundations solicit donations from outside sources. From there, the money is sent to the family members to arrange flights and hotel reservations to and from San Diego.

On their Web sites, Beerup and Weant have posted information on several hotels in San Diego. Families can also visit the sites if they would like to know what to wear while they are at MCRD or where to eat and shop in San Diego.

In addition to the two Web sites, there are other organizations accessible for recruits’ families via the internet. Sites like www.marineparents.com and www.recruitparents.com were created by family members of Marines to help those with needs and questions. The Marine Parents and Recruits Parents Web sites help families with travel arrangements, but mainly provide a community forum with chat rooms, articles describing boot camp and a network of support for families of Marines and future Marines.

“I was amazed at the amount of people who cared about me getting to see my son graduate,” said Walker. “I had a lot of help, not only from the foundation, but from faculty members around my school.”

One of the faculty members was Sue Franklin, a guidance counselor for Wright City High School, Wright City, Mo. Franklin had recently returned from seeing a graduation ceremony as part of the Educators Workshop. Franklin and 39 other teachers from

around St. Louis spent a week in San Diego learning about what it takes to become a Marine and what is expected of Marines during their enlistment.

“We were able to see a graduation and Family Day ceremonies out there,” said Franklin. “After seeing how much each Marine had changed during boot camp and how special the graduation ceremony was, I knew I had to help out.”

Simply mentioning Walker’s predicament in her high school’s guidance office yielded results.

“There was a woman here from

Vatterott College who overheard my conversation with a coworker about Molly,” said Franklin. “She said to me, ‘I’d like to help.’ Together we were able to raise about \$1,200 for Molly (to attend her son’s graduation). I was amazed by how many people wanted to give.”

“There were so many people who came out to help me. I am so thankful that I hope I can help someone out the same way I was helped out,” said Walker. “It was a special experience and I think all parents should be there to experience it.”



Pfc. Jose L. Ortiz escorts his sister, Isabella Mercado, along the parade deck after his graduation from recruit training Sept. 19. Charitable organizations have helped depot families travel from as far as Texas, Michigan and Washington, state, to watch their new Marine graduate. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

VOTING INFORMATION

Units are required to conduct training for Marines and their families. Each command has a unit voting assistance officer who can answer questions concerning voting.

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Marines grapple in shallow water during the Martial Arts Instructor Course's Battle Course near Naval Air Station North Island, Calif. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



MORE THAN A BELT

MAI course students tackle revamped battle course

BY CPL. KEVIN M. KNALLAY
Chevron Staff

Students from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Martial Arts Instructor Course were tested by a revamped Battle Course Sept. 11. The Battle Course served as the culminating event before service members could graduate.

The new Battle Course format was designed to press the students physically and mentally as well as incorporate numerous Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques from the course. The students aided in the success of the new course and served as a high hurdle for future students, said Staff Sgt. Kevin Pirtle, the chief instructor trainer of the MAI course.

"The whole (battle) course was great," Pirtle said. "We've made great instructors. We pushed them past their limits and showed them their potential to do more than what they expected."

Beginning at 6 a.m., about 30 students carrying Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment packs stepped off on a five-mile march around the depot, stopping only a few times to drink water.

After the students dropped their gear off at the dojo, they ran to the obstacle course. They ran through the course once forward and then again in reverse.

Once they completed the obstacle course, students then ran to the depot boathouse. There, they performed various combat drills such as fireman's carry, bear crawls and sprints, as well as MCMAP techniques, for about 30 minutes.

The students then proved their amphibious nature by taking combat rubber reconnaissance craft, or Zodiacs, into the harbor.

Squads raced to the small beach under the Harbor Bridge where they hopped out and went through further combat drills. For 35 minutes, the four squads rotated between shallow water and the sandy beaches doing various exercises for two minutes before rotating again—back and forth from the sand to the water.

It was at this point fatigue began to set in with many of the students. But a few students pushed it aside, and laughed and joked through the pain. Their positive attitudes spread amongst their squads.

Students then climbed back in the Zodiacs and sped to Naval Air Station North Island. Once there, they ran around the flight line for two miles in their soaked utility uniforms and water-filled boots before stopping at another beach.

Already exhausted from the run, squads were then pitted against each other in a grappling exercise the instructors called "Spartan Battle." Each squad had one person who could not use their hands to defend themselves. This person was called their "critical vulnerability." Once that person was put into a submission lock and tapped out, the opposing team was declared the victor. The results were miniature bouts involving about 15 service members grappling and trying to get to each squad's critical vulnerability.

After another mile and a half run down the soft sand, students grappled in shallow water in an "every man for himself" format, which involved four participants per match. Once a person was taken to the ground and submerged under water, they were out.

After shallow water grappling, the students relay-sprinted another mile down the beach to go over grappling with weapon techniques. Students laid on the ground facing away from each other. Once the match began, any number of weapons such as rubber knives, batons and training rifles with training bayonets could be used to attack each other.

Students were then bused to another beach where they paddled about 200 meters to a small island, which they dubbed M.A.I. Island. It was there that they received their new



Students in the Martial Arts Instructor Course practice hip throws in shallow water near Harbor Bridge. The course includes physical and mental exercises, which serve as the culminating event before students graduate the course.



Students sprint down the beach near Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., as part of the Battle Course.

belts with the instructors tab.

Pirtle reminded each of them that being an instructor is not just about their newly earned belts.

"It's not about walking around in boots and utilities and showing off your new belt," Pirtle said. "It's about instructing the Marines around you and bettering them."

Many of the students almost immediately started talking about planning to instruct their first MCMAP course for their Marines.

"It feels outstanding," said Cpl. Andrew J. Lippert, a T-58 mechanic with Marine Air Logistics Squadron-16 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., after receiving his instructor tab. "I can't wait to train Marines. This has been the most physically demanding course I've ever been through since I've been in the Marines."

Through all the pain and stress of the course, the new instructors said they relied on each other.

"You just have to make the best out of it (the course)," said Sgt. Antoriano Smith, a drill instructor with Company E, 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment. "Just going through the (battle) course, you feel your body break down. It's there that your character really comes through. You have your squad mates to rely on and they have you too."

The instructor trainers who had pushed the students for the previous three weeks were confident they had produced able instructors.

"They finished. They worked hard for it," Pirtle said. "You could say they earned their pay today. That's for sure."

The next MAI course is scheduled for Dec. 1 to 19. Those interested should use their chain of command for more information involving enrollment.



Staff Sgt. Kevin Pirtle, chief instructor trainer of the MAI course, watches students during a drill in shallow water.



Bridge Sept. 11 as part of the Battle Course. The Battle Course lasts about 12 hours and includes e course. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



A student performs an arm-bar take down on the beach before alternating into the shallow water to do conditioning exercises. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



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Students' old MCMAP belts lay in the sand after the students received their new belts with their instructor tabs. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



Sgt. Jacob Brown crawls under another Marine during a combat conditioning exercise in shallow water as part of the Course. Students practiced Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques as well as conditioning exercises. Brown is a instructor with 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



Students climb up the ropes of the Obstacle Course near the beginning of the Battle Course. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*

Pvt. Charles H. Lyman V, 2nd squad leader, Platoon 3233, Company K, 3rd Battalion, awaits his turn for inspection during the battalion commander's inspection on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field Tuesday. The battalion commander's inspection the week of graduation and is one of the final events in the Marine Corps' 13 weeks of recruit training. Lyman is the forth generation and seventh in his family to have served in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron



New Marine's lineage spans more than 80 years

BY CPL. KEVIN M. KNALLAY
Chevron staff

Many Marines proudly say they belong to a brotherhood; a blood line of warriors forged since Nov. 10, 1775, the birth of the U.S. Marine Corps. For one Company K Marine, the same can be said — five times over.

It was more than 80 years ago when Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman II was the commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Today his great grandson, Pvt. Charles H. Lyman V, 2nd squad leader, Platoon 3233, graduates from boot camp to become the fourth generation of his family in the Corps and seventh member of his family to join a branch of the services.

Lyman, 20, knew at a young age he would eventually and proudly add to their family

tradition of service in the Navy and Marine Corps.

“I’ve always been proud of our history and knew I would join one day. I had planned my life around it. There was a little pressure I guess, but my parents are great, and I know they’d support me no matter what I did,” said Lyman.

“We never pressured Charles to join the military,” said Betsy Gill, Lyman’s mother. “We always felt it should be his choice and would’ve supported whatever he wanted to do.

“However, it wasn’t just the experience in life, being in the military, nor the benefits—it was the honor. The honor that one felt about achievement and serving our country. There is much honor that has been passed on in our family, in and out of the military.”

Before enlisting, Lyman attended the University of Washington in Seattle for two years, studying

to pursue a career in the medical field, but then became more interested in communications.

Lyman describes his childhood as interesting. His home, in Seattle, as well as his uncle’s home, is full of military memorabilia his family acquired over their decades of service. Also, he recalled stories about his family’s interaction with other Marine leaders. His uncle, retired Col. Charles H. Lyman IV, would tell stories about his grandfather going quail hunting with then Col. Joseph H. Pendleton on Coronado Island.

“Now that I’m a part of the Corps, I have much more appreciation for not just my family history, but the Marines’ history as well,” he said. “As a kid, you don’t really know much about the name Pendleton, and then you join and see how well-known his legacy is in the Marines.”

Recruit training hit Lyman the way it hits many recruits — a roller coaster of mixed emotions.

“First phase was a little rough,” he said. “Second phase was fun because of the rifle range. The Crucible was really fun. I was a squad leader so it was a good experience to be a leader for some of the other recruits. Plus, I like being out in the field.”

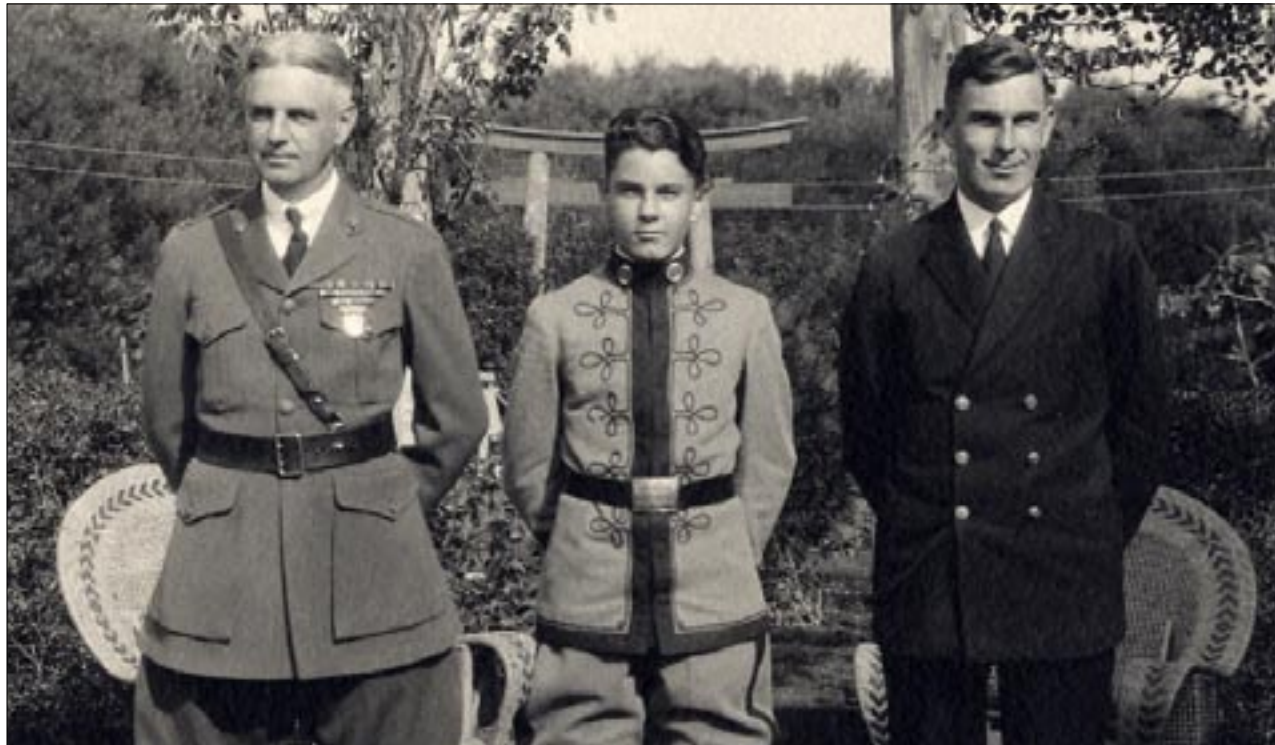
Lyman’s drill instructors said they could tell almost immediately he had a military background.

“He is a good natural leader,” said Staff Sgt Keith L. Bowers, senior drill instructor, platoon 3233. “You can definitely tell he came here knowing what was expected of him.”

Now that he has earned the title Marine, Lyman plans to take advantage of the benefits offered to Marines and pursue his education. His goal is to apply for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program where enlisted personnel can attend a four-year college full-time, while maintaining active duty status and pay. After schooling, Marines receive a commission as a second lieutenant.

Lyman said he is looking forward to achieving his goals and adding another chapter to his family’s history.

“Looking back, I think our son was destined to be a Marine,” said Gill.



Left to right, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman II was the commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego from Aug. 1927 to June 1928; Andrew I. Lyman, grandfather of Charles H. Lyman V, retired as a colonel in 1967 from MCRD San Diego as assistant depot commander; and Andrew’s brother, Charles H. Lyman III, retired as a rear admiral.

Courtesy of David Lyman

Stephen Cushman

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

As a fourth generation San Diegan, Stephen Cushman has continued the Cushman family tradition of service to the San Diego community.

Cushman has been actively involved with more than sixty boards and commissions and is committed to making San Diego an even better place to live.

Cushman is currently the chairman of this year’s Fleet Week San Diego, as well as the vice-chairman of the board of port commissioners, chairman of the college of business administration board at San Diego State University, and is chairman of the board of directors at the San Diego Hospital Association. Cushman holds a degree in business administration from California Western University.

He began his career in publishing and progressed into the travel

industry where he worked for 25 years. During that time, he established his automotive dealerships, the Cush Automotive Group, and was a recognized leader in the automotive sales industry before its sale in 2006.

Among numerous other awards, Cushman received special recognition in 2001 from the San Diego Convention and Visitor’s Bureau for “Extraordinary Leadership and Support of the Tourism Industry in San Diego.”





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Shorewood, Ill.
Recruited by
Sgt. D. Kasher



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Sweet Home, Ore.
Recruited by
Sgt. M. A. Freeman



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Freemont, Calif.
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Sgt. M. Santiago



Platoon 3236
HIGH SHOOTER (235)
Pfc. J. A. Traner
Scandia, Minn.
Marksmanship Instructor
Sgt. T. C. Kane



Platoon 3230
HIGH PFT (300)
Pfc. S. Madrigal
Porterville, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. M. Anguiano

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Chaplain
Lt. R. W. Peters III, USN
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Gunnery Sgt. D. K. Ellington

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Company Corpsman
Petty Officer 3rd Class
H. G. Liddell

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Gunnery Sgt. J. B. Lee

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Drill Instructors
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Staff Sgt. D. E. Harvey
Staff Sgt. L. R. Martinezbido
Sgt. J. R. Sampson

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Pfc. C. G. Armand
Pfc. A. J. Artzer
Pvt. J. A. Austin
Pvt. J. R. Balbaneda
Pfc. S. H. Barefield
Pvt. J. L. Barham
Pvt. C. R. Beaver
Pfc. C. S. Bennett
Pfc. K. J. Bolivar
Pvt. J. L. Brady
Pfc. C. V. Brunson
Pvt. J. L. Bryant
Pvt. M. Q. Castilleja
Pvt. J. D. Chavira
Pfc. R. E. Clark
Pvt. M. Clemente
Pvt. Z. C. Clifton
Pvt. C. A. Conner
Pfc. J. Corchado-Najera
Pvt. J. D. Cornwell
Pfc. S. T. Crawford
Pvt. J. D. Cripps
Pfc. C. C. Cunningham
Pvt. K. L. Dawson
Pfc. A. M. Deutsch
Pfc. C. S. Duran
Pfc. T. J. Endres
Pvt. S. Erungel
Pvt. J. E. Erwin
Pvt. C. F. Escalante
*Pfc. C. R. Evans
Pvt. V. H. Franco-Reyes
Pvt. C. D. French
Pfc. K. T. Frenette
Pfc. S. A. Froehlich
Pfc. M. Fuentes
Pvt. T. J. Fugate
Pvt. D. J. Gajewski
Pvt. J. P. Garcia
Pvt. C. Gomez Jr.
Pvt. R. A. Gonzales
Pvt. D. R. Goolsby
Pvt. J. L. Gostowski
Pvt. F. D. Grace
Pvt. J. J. Grant
Pvt. L. L. Griffith
Pvt. A. L. Gross
Pvt. C. I. Guerrero
Pvt. O. R. Guerrero-Morales
Pvt. A. L. Guthart
Pvt. K. K. Harper
Pvt. J. M. Jacobs
*Pfc. J. Jaimes
Pvt. J. D. Janke
Pvt. C. S. Jardine
Pvt. J. A. Jiminez
Pvt. S. A. Johnson
Pvt. D. L. Joyner
Pvt. E. Juarez
Pvt. M. P. Korba

Pvt. T. J. Lane
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*Pfc. C. A. Leikvold
Pvt. G. Limon
Pvt. C. M. Logan
Pvt. J. D. Luck
Pvt. B. Luong
Pvt. C. D. Lyles
Pvt. D. A. Magee
Pvt. T. R. Mangham
Pvt. K. J. Marriott
Pvt. S. R. Marshall
Pvt. R. O. Martinez
Pvt. A. D. Medina
Pvt. R. L. Myers
*Pfc. S. C. Pettiette
Pvt. J. R. Pond
Pvt. A. M. Shaw
Pvt. J. G. Stackfeth
Pvt. B. J. Stadelman
Pvt. N. D. Swanson
*Pfc. M. J. Whittington
Pvt. E. D. William

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Sgt. J. C. Vega-Flores

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Pvt. A. C. Alferez
Pvt. J. S. Baker
Pfc. L. M. Barry
Pfc. M. B. Barwick
Pvt. T. W. Beauchamp
Pvt. M. R. Bignel
Pvt. K. A. Bishop
Pvt. K. Blundy
Pvt. J. R. Bogle
Pvt. C. B. Bose
Pvt. J. C. Brown
Pfc. B. B. Bryant
Pvt. N. M. Buchanan
Pfc. J. M. Calkins
Pvt. R. Carlen
Pfc. N. Cascarilla
Pfc. M. Castro
Pvt. M. Q. Chin
Pvt. J. W. Clapsaddle
Pfc. J. W. Clark
Pvt. G. L. Clouser
Pfc. A. D. Cooper
Pfc. C. I. Corrales
Pvt. N. A. Cota
Pvt. M. W. Crawley
Pvt. C. J. Critchlow
Pfc. R. L. Critchlow
Pvt. R. B. Crow
Pvt. C. C. Crump
Pfc. N. Desantiago
Pvt. S. J. Diaz
Pfc. J. K. Domine
Pfc. L. U. Duron
Pvt. J. E. Erwin
Pfc. B. J. Edgar
Pvt. I. F. Estrada
Pfc. A. V. Flores-Padilla
Pvt. K. C. Flournoy
Pvt. J. R. Fritz
Pvt. D. T. Gachez
Pvt. M. W. Gaddy
Pvt. J. Jarvis
Pvt. C. D. Johnson
Pfc. M. D. Jones
Pvt. K. W. Kuntsnich
Pfc. B. G. Laca
Pvt. I. Landin
Pvt. S. A. Johnson
Pvt. D. L. Long
Pvt. C. M. Lopez
Pfc. J. A. Lopez

Pvt. A. J. Lovlien
Pvt. D. A. Mackay
*Pfc. S. Madrigal
*Pfc. E. W. Martell
*Pfc. K. I. Martindale
Pfc. R. M. McCulaugh
Pfc. M. T. McGowen
Pvt. M. R. Meier
Pfc. S. Monogo
Pfc. G. A. Overholser
Pvt. S. G. Perez
Pvt. P. A. Rangel
Pvt. T. T. Roberson
Pvt. J. C. Sinchak
Pvt. S. K. Singh
Pvt. B. W. Snyder
Pvt. S. E. Stewart
Pfc. J. M. Willger

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Sgt. A. W. Hamadeh
Sgt. R. C. Ramos

Pvt. J. Alvarez
Pfc. D. A. Amaya
Pfc. D. O. Anderson
Pfc. E. T. Bangasser
Pvt. E. S. Bobst
Pvt. R. W. Burton
Pvt. M. A. Cano
Pfc. Z. W. Caoutette
Pvt. C. G. Clark
Pfc. M. M. Cruz
Pfc. M. W. Daniel
Pvt. M. P. Daniel
Pvt. K. A. Darnell
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Pvt. G. P. Dasheur
Pvt. M. W. Davidson
Pvt. Z. J. Dickson
Pvt. J. S. Dorson
Pvt. E. G. Durante
Pvt. C. B. Edwards
Pfc. L. M. Ellis
Pvt. P. S. Fisk
Pvt. K. M. Foerster
Pfc. A. J. Fields
Pvt. T. J. Fuller
Pfc. I. G. Garcia
Pvt. G. T. Gay
Pvt. M. A. Giambone
Pvt. D. A. Griffin
Pvt. C. W. Hahn
Pfc. D. J. Hall
Pvt. W. E. Hamilton
Pvt. C. M. Harlan
*Pfc. J. M. Hasken
Pvt. J. J. Hoff
Pvt. M. R. Hogan
Pvt. J. M. Hooper
*Pfc. J. L. Husband
Pfc. E. G. Johnson
Pfc. C. W. Juarez
Pvt. M. T. Klouchek
Pvt. M. J. Krecklow
Pfc. B. J. Long
Pfc. A. A. Lopez
Pfc. J. A. Lozada
Pvt. B. C. Luke
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Pvt. K. A. Martin
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Pvt. H. E. Meyer
Pvt. T. M. Meyer
Pvt. C. Molano
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Pvt. E. Ramos
Pfc. J. D. Noriega
Pvt. D. D. Nowell Jr.
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Pvt. R. A. O'Donnell
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Pvt. J. D. Peterson
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Pvt. J. R. Placzek
Pfc. D. R. Plummer
Pfc. J. D. Sanchez

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Pvt. J. J. Tovar

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Sgt. F. A. Barraza
Sgt. R. Segura

Pfc. D. D. Acosta
Pfc. H. Aguilar Jr.
Pfc. F. Alcalá Jr.
Pfc. L. J. Alcon
Pfc. J. E. Alzate
Pvt. A. G. Ambriz
Pvt. E. M. Aragon
Pfc. J. R. Ashley
Pfc. B. K. Baal
Pvt. A. Barajas
Pfc. A. J. Barnes
Pvt. A. J. Beggs
Pfc. S. C. Bravo
Pvt. A. Carrizales
Pvt. J. J. Catalan
Pfc. R. Chaya
Pvt. G. C. Colon
Pvt. E. Cortez
Pvt. M. Cruz
Pfc. J. C. Curtis
Pfc. A. Delamora
Pfc. J. A. Doyle
Pfc. M. M. Ehrman
Pvt. J. A. Eighme
*Pfc. M. Garcia
Pvt. C. A. Garrido
Pvt. J. J. Giles
Pfc. E. D. Gonzales
Pfc. J. E. Guzman Jr.
Pvt. M. K. Heredia
Pvt. J. J. Hernandez
Pvt. J. Huang
Pfc. J. Juarez
Pvt. J. J. Jimenez
Pfc. K. L. Kornbeck
Pfc. B. N. Lam
Pvt. F. Lemus
Pvt. M. J. Loiseau
Pfc. P. A. Long
Pfc. C. M. Lopez
Pvt. E. M. Lopez
Pfc. R. C. Macatangay
*Pfc. R. B. Martinez
Pfc. R. D. Martinez
Pfc. J. M. McGinley
Pfc. R. A. Mercado
Pfc. J. L. Meza
Pvt. R. Meza Jr.
Pvt. D. J. Miller
Pfc. T. J. Miller
Pvt. A. J. Milleren
Pvt. J. A. Mills
Pvt. J. G. Mitchell
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Pfc. B. J. Morsette
Pfc. J. D. Munguia
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Pvt. J. D. Nelson
Pvt. S. J. Newhoff
Pvt. R. D. Nixon
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Pfc. P. A. Rios
Pvt. J. M. Rodriguez
Pvt. O. C. Roldan
Pfc. D. A. Salas
Pvt. J. R. Salcedo
Pvt. R. Sanchez
*Pfc. H. Smith IV
Pfc. S. J. So
Pfc. J. J. Stock

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Pvt. K. M. Taylor
Pfc. K. A. Tran

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Staff Sgt. I. R. Quan

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Sgt. A. J. Serna
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Pvt. J. C. Backman
*Pfc. J. A. Barwick
Pvt. J. Biggs
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Pvt. T. P. Borowski
Pvt. R. D. Borrego
Pvt. M. A. Botero
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Pvt. J. R. Bowman
Pvt. R. R. Bracamonte
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Pvt. V. Carrera
Pfc. C. C. Carson
Pvt. M. C. Case
*Lance Cpl. D. E. Cash
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Pvt. J. T. Cato
Pvt. J. J. Cauldillo-Morales
Pfc. A. C. Contreras
Pvt. R. Corona
Pvt. K. P. Cortez
Pfc. E. C. Crawley
Pvt. K. M. Cummings
Pvt. C. J. Daniel
Pvt. G. W. Deal
Pvt. A. M. Delacerda
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Pfc. J. R. Doyen
Pvt. S. M. Dye
Pvt. G. M. Edwards
Pvt. C. L. Eggebrecht
Pvt. A. M. Ekhooff
Pvt. A. D. Ellison
Pvt. R. E. Elvins
Pfc. A. C. Enriquez
Pvt. M. A. Esparza
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Pfc. A. M. Fink
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Pvt. J. S. Griffith
Pfc. R. W. Gwartney
Pfc. R. A. Hamer
Pvt. A. L. Hamilton
Pfc. D. G. Hannah
Pfc. A. D. Hart
Pvt. M. D. Hayostek
Pfc. A. J. Higham
Pvt. T. L. Holder
*Pfc. S. A. Johnson
Pvt. C. M. Jones
Pfc. R. C. Jones
Pvt. J. B. Kelso
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Pvt. J. A. Larson
Pvt. A. L. Lasiter
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Pfc. G. Lynch
Pvt. K. J. Madsen
Pfc. R. A. Magee
Pfc. J. L. Martinez
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Pfc. M. T. Martinez
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Pvt. J. G. Munoz
Pvt. T. Najar
Pfc. N. M. Newlin
Pvt. J. W. Nicely
Pvt. J. A. Noeth
*Pfc. J. M. Noeth
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Pfc. W. G. Paulus
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Pfc. J. P. Vandertang
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Sgt. R. Fuentes

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Pvt. J. M. Alwine
Pvt. O. Angeles
Pfc. G. T. Arrieta
Pvt. K. W. Baker
Pfc. A. J. Bamford
Pvt. A. Barrios
Pvt. S. D. Blackbrooks
Pfc. P. K. Bone
*Pfc. A. Brown
Pvt. D. P. Budzil
Pvt. B. A. Cacerespena
Pvt. S. J. Cantlin
Pvt. J. D. Cecil
Pfc. M. T. Chiles
Pfc. M. S. Conte
Pvt. J. B. Cordes
Pfc. J. S. Davis
Pfc. C. T. Dery
Pvt. J. D. Deyoung
Pvt. T. E. Dugdale
Pvt. K. M. Edwards
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Pvt. S. Flores Jr.
Pvt. J. M. Ford
Pvt. T. A. Foster
Pvt. R. W. Frasor
Pvt. E. W. Gill
Pfc. S. C. Gloor
Pfc. D. K. Goddard
Pvt. T. R. Golly
Pvt. E. P. Gonzlaez
*Pfc. A. Gonzalez-Betancourt
Pvt. D. E. Groves
Pvt. J. A. Hale
Pfc. T. J. Hartung
Pvt. B. M. Hegenbart
Pvt. P. A. Hernandez
Pvt. S. Hernandez
Pfc. W. J. Hernandez
Pvt. J. T. Hill
Pvt. W. J. Hinojosa
Pvt. T. M. Hoerauf
Pfc. P. L. Imrie
Pvt. J. A. Jimenez
Pvt. W. P. Jones III
Pfc. A. B. Juarez
Pfc. K. K. Kaamoana
Pfc. B. J. Kickerbocker
Pvt. S. M. Laflame
Pvt. J. E. Larson
Pvt. J. A. Latimer
Pvt. P. B. Lopez
Pfc. A. D. Lorenzen
*Pfc. J. J. Lyon
Pvt. C. B. Madden
Pvt. J. J. Maldonado
Pvt. J. N. Mazurek
Pvt. C. J. McCuin
Pvt. B. T. McLaughlin
Pfc. J. R. Mendoza
Pvt. A. M. Naranjo
Pvt. R. Nevarez
*Pfc. C. L. Norris
*Pfc. D. A. Nurkowski
Pvt. F. Olivarez
Pvt. G. R. Ramos
Pfc. J. J. Rivas
Pvt. T. D. Ross
Pvt. B. A. Roughton
Pfc. M. D. Ruddock
Pfc. A. J. Sampson
Pfc. R. J. Sanderson
Pvt. Z. B. Selis
Pvt. J. J. Smith
Pfc. M. N. Smith
Pfc. O. H. Solorzano
Pvt. T. M. Steinhauer
Pfc. B. C. Surels
Pvt. B. M. Swift
Pfc. R. C. Swift III

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Pfc. Z. N. Weeks
Pfc. D. D. Yi

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Pvt. W. F. Baldwin
Pvt. M. L. Blakeney
Pvt. A. L. Carey
Pfc. F. E. Castaneda
Pvt. B. M. Chandler
Pvt. J. J. Clinton-Neill
Pvt. D. M. Davis
Pvt. B. P. Diaz
Pvt. J. T. Ellis
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Pvt. W. H. Hyde
Pvt. I. S. Jacobsen
Pvt. C. C. Kenner
Pvt. S. A. Killian
Pvt. J. D. Knapp
Pvt. J. R. Labelle
Pfc. T. F. Laguerre
Pvt. P. R. Last
Pfc. M. D. Lindsey
Pvt. P. Lou
Pvt. J. O. Marcuzzo
Pfc. L. R. Martinez
Pvt. J. C. McBride
*Pfc. R. A. McGhee
Pfc. H. M. Moman
Pfc. N. A. Montoya
Pvt. C. W. Mosher
Pfc. C. W. Nichols
Pvt. D. M. Norrod
Pvt. E. S. Ortiz
Pvt. J. M. Paxton
Pfc. K. L. Polee
Pvt. S. G. Potenti
Pvt. J. M. Povlich
Pvt. B. T. Powell
Pvt. J. T. Radford
*Pfc. J. D. Rainingbird
*Pfc. J. D. Resse
Pvt. B. W. Reinke
Pfc. S. V. Renda
Pvt. B. R. Ritter
Pfc. B. L. Robbins
Pvt. N. V. Robestine
Pvt. J. A. Rodriguez
Pvt. D. C. Rosser
Pvt. G. A. Ruttman
Pvt. A. L. Salgado
Pvt. A. L. Scott
Pvt. J. A. Scott
Pfc. T. P. Scott
Pfc. T. D. Sheriff-Enright
Pvt. C. D. Simmons
*Pfc. J. G. Slay
Pfc. D. G. Snow
Pvt. D. W. Stalzer
Pvt. C. L. Sweet
Pfc. J. D. Swiger
Pfc. T. J. Teixeira
Pfc. D. R. Thiesfeld
Pvt. D. W. Thomason
Pfc. N. A. Thompson
Pvt. A. D. Thornburn
Pfc. A. D. Thornhill
Pvt. C. C. Thyfault
Pvt. B. S. Tiemeyer
Pvt. A. J. Tipton
Pvt. S. E. Tosi
Pfc. C. A. Valles
Pvt. J. T. Vazquez
Pvt. W. R. Verrett
Pvt. J. S. Viegas
Pfc. V. L. Walters
Pvt. T. B. Welton
Pfc. W. C. Whetzel
Pvt. K. L. Whitlow
Pfc. B. S. Wiederrich
Pvt. N. S. Wilds
Pvt. J. E. Williams
Pfc. R. D. Williams
Pvt. J. W. Woodward
Pvt. K. R. Wright

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Sgt. B. V. Goldthwaite
Sgt. S. L. Livingston
Sgt. B. Remington

Pvt. C. E. Aguirre
*Pfc. M. A. Alvarez
Pfc. C. K. Doolady
Pvt. E. Fernandez
Pvt. W. P. Jones
Pfc. K. J. Kumanchik
Pfc. S. D. Layman
Pvt. Z. O. Martin
Pfc. A. J. Martinez-Page
Pvt. Z. S. Morrison
Pfc. D. N. Mutranowski
Pfc. A. W. Nielsen
Pvt. J. G. Norvell
Pvt. B. T. Nunley
Pfc. T. J. O'Brien
Pvt. P. J. Olley
Pvt. U. Ontiveros
Pvt. B. S. Orourke
Pvt. R. Orozco
Pvt. R. M. Owens
Pvt. J. J. Pacheco
Pfc. M. Z. Pearson
Pvt. B. R. Peterson
Pvt. J. C. Phares
Pvt. J. W. Pilkington
Pvt. A. D. Pontarelli
Pvt. J. M. Ramirez
Pfc. S. T. Rodriguez IV
Pvt. F. Rodriguez Jr.
Pvt. R. Roman
Pvt. J. Romero
Pvt. J. A. Ross
Pvt. T. M. Ross
Pvt. J. S. Ruffing Jr.
Pvt. S. M. Russell
Pvt. E. R. Sanger
Pvt. B. M. Scaife
Pvt. M. R. Schmidt
Pvt. T. J. Schmitt
Pvt. J. Schutte
Pvt. J. Segura
Pvt. S. E. Sellers
Pvt. J. C. Serrano
Pvt. S. A. Settegast
Pvt. A. Shirley
Pvt. L. A. Shriam
Pvt. J. A. Shullaw
Pfc. G. Singh
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Pvt. L. Skinner
Pvt. J. C. Snyder
Pfc. T. E. Solverson
Pvt. J. Soto
Pfc. J. C. Souders
Pfc. A. E. Steger
*Pfc. W. A. Stokes
Pvt. M. B. Stroud
Pvt. F. L. Swan
*Pfc. M. A. Tanner
*Pfc. A. P. Tarango
Pvt. J. M. Tasier
Pfc. J. R. Thayer
Pfc. D. R. Thompson
Pvt. B. S. Thrasher
Pfc. B. J. Tolbert
Pvt. B. O. Toledo
Pvt. M. A. Totty
Pvt. J. R. Townsend
Pfc. P. K. Tran
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Pvt. B. M. Trzcinski
Pvt. R. E. Vargas
Pvt. V. Velasco
Pfc. M. Vera III
Pfc. G. X. Vila
Pvt. K. M. Vowels
Pvt. K. M. Wagenfehr
Pvt. Z. L. Walbergh
Pvt. A. C. Ward
Pfc. J. C. Weatherford
Pvt. T. J. Weber
Pvt. J. D. Wessel
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*Denotes meritorious promotion



The platoon honormen and senior drill instructors of Company K practice for today’s graduation ceremony at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field aboard the depot Monday.
Sgt. James Green/Chevron

Company K Marines reap their reward, claim the title

BY SGT. JAMES GREEN
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Marine Corps recruit training is a feat not easily completed. It is a grueling 13 weeks full of mental, physical and emotional challenges. Boot camp is an experience that only a small percentage choose to take on, and even fewer actually complete. Those who push through and complete the training will forever be categorized as “The Few, The Proud.” The Marines of Company K now know, first-hand, the feeling of belonging to one of the

largest brotherhoods known to this nation. Thirteen weeks ago, buses full of recruits rolled through the gate of the historic Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in the middle of the night. As they cruised along the dark road, the hearts of the passengers raced, having only heard stories of what was soon to come. As the sound of the brakes stopped, the doors creaked open and a legendary drill instructor climbed the stairs to address the newest recruits of Company K. As the last syllable of “get off my bus” echoed through

the vehicle, the recruits were already halfway onto the yellow footprints. This was a day that would always be remembered by the Marines who are now graduating. “I remember being tired, anxious and just full of mixed emotions,” said Pfc. Michael Castro, guide for Platoon 3230, reminiscing about the first day. “The yelling started at the airport before we even got to the depot which was something I wasn’t ready for.” Castro, a Solidad, Calif., native, said he tried to turn the intimidation into motivation from that day forward. Since that night, the Marines of Company K endured many challenges, such as the Crucible.

This 54-hour event is an accumulation of all that the recruits have learned in the 11 weeks prior to the event, and puts their knowledge to the test. At the end of the Crucible, when the recruits march past the last hill and drop their packs, is the moment where the chaotic jumble of events in the weeks prior, start to make sense. It is the moment they assume a formation on the parade deck at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and receive their eagle, globe and anchor emblems. It is also the first time their drill instructor address them as Marine. “I asked myself why I enlisted a few times during training,” said Pfc. Edward W. Martell, Platoon 3230. “It all made sense after I got my eagle, globe and anchor.” After completing the Crucible, Martell felt that he finally became something and was proud. Graduating from boot camp donning the Marine uniform allowed him to feel as though he proved everyone wrong who told him he would never amount to anything. “When I was presenting

the new Marines their eagle, globe and anchors, I saw a lot of proud Marines standing in front of me,” said Staff Sgt. Darrell W. Livings, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3230, Company K. “A lot of the Marines I handed the emblem to were the ones who wanted to give up early on in the cycle. I could tell they were happy with their decision to stick it through and finally become Marines.” Livings, an Atlanta native, remembered when he received his coveted emblem as a recruit. “My senior drill instructor always talked about applying the things you learn in recruit training when you get in the Fleet Marine Force. He emphasized commitment to the Marine Corps and the Marines

around you,” said Livings. “He told us to always hold our Marines and peers accountable, and that is what I told my Marines when I handed them their emblems.” Today, the Marines of Company K will forever be remembered by those who tread the same ground in the years to come. They are a part of something bigger than themselves and will continue the legacy much like the one that was set 233 years ago in 1775. The first chapter of their Marine Corps careers closes with a graduation ceremony and will resume immediately after their return from 10 days of leave at the School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Pvt. Kyle M. Vowels receives his final haircut before departing the depot. Vowels, along with the rest of the men in Company K, has spent 13 weeks in recruit training enduring many challenges on his way to earning the title Marine. *Sgt. James Green/Chevron*



Marines from Platoon 3231, Company K, scrub their M16A2 service rifles clean before turning them into the armory. Maintenance must be performed on the rifles before they can be reissued to new recruits. *Sgt. James Green/Chevron*